Introduction of Bio-technology in Class XI by CBSE

2454. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bio-technology has been introduced as an elective subject in Class XI by the CBSE;

(b) whether its implementation has been successful; if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would study thoroughly the introduction of Bio-technology, before and after its implementation in school;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Bio-technology is an emerging field of science and has enormous scope and prospects for the younger generation. This course has been introduced at senior school level in about 125 schools affiliated to the Board.

(d) The CBSE periodically updates the curriculum in order to meet the challenges arising out of scientific and technolgical inventions. The Board had taken a feedback from various stakeholders before its implementation in the schools.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Departmental action against KVS officers

2455. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases wherein Central Vigilance Commission had advised the Ministry/KVS during the preceding three years, to initiate suitable departmental action against erring and charged officers;